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NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

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To A.S.

Please see the Board's report on the food situation in the Province during the first fortnight of February 1948 and the review and its enclosures in the C.F.

1. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP PROSPECTS.

There was little or no rainfall during the fortnight except in parts of the Nilgiris, Tinnevelly and Ramnad Districts.

Sowing or transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Kistna, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Salem, Madura and South Kanara and of dry crops in the districts of Cuddapah, Nellore, Salem and Tinnevelly. Standing crops are reported to have withered over extensive areas in the districts of Chingleput, Chittoor, South Arcot, Ramnad, Tinnevelly and Malabar. In the districts of Nellore, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Madura and South Kanara crops have been affected either for want of rain or for want of water supply in the irrigation sources. The condition of the standing crops in the other districts is generally fair.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura, Malabar, South Kanara, and the Nilgiris and of dry crops in the districts of West Godavari, Kistna, Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary and Trichinopoly.

The outturn of paddy was fair to normal in the Circars and the ceded districts and was poor in parts of the Southern and Central districts. The outturn of dry crops was generally poor to fair.

STOCK AND SUPPLY.

The stock position of foodgrains was as follows when compared with the previous week:

Foodgrains.	on 7-2-48.	on 14-2-48.
Rice	194473	210806
Wheat	5754	5163
Maida	438	601
Maize	24484	28180
Other grains.	15834	15106

RICE:-

The stock position has generally improved except in the districts of Madura and Tinnevelly. Madura is expected to find its requirements from local procurement as it has its main harvest now. For Tinnevelly, a regular supply is being maintained from Tanjore district.

In view of the critical food situation in the Province, a scheme has been promulgated under which all the exportable surplus available in the Circars will be procured and exported to the deficit areas of the Province within the next few months, utilizing to the full the available waggon facilities and using steamer transport also. Arrangements are under way to send about 15,000 tons of rice by sea from East Godavari to Malabar.

MILLETS (including maize):- Overseas maize and milo are being generally released for sale in the deficit districts at local prevailing rates for jowar (cholam).

WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS:- The present stocks are likely to last for more than four months for the use of habitual consumers of these commodities.

PROCUREMENT.

No major change in position.

A note on the trend of prices of several commodities in the derationed rural and urban areas and the statements showing the prices of each commodity at the several centres are at page 8 c.f. and pp.9-10 c.f. respectively.

Statement showing the particulars of prosecutions and convictions for food offences in the various districts are at sheets 11-64 c.f.

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